

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract at page 20, lines 3-16, as follows:

A station for a network apparatus, ~~comprising which includes the station and a plurality of other stations, all interconnected by a communication link. The station comprises:~~ includes a network connection; a self assessment module operable to determine a current status of the station, ~~wherein the current status is including~~ including a measure of the stations available resources; a trust list that includes a station identifier for ~~the or each other station~~ which is designated as trusted to perform tasks for the station; and a broadcast unit operable to transmit service requests to the network ~~connection and onto the network, the~~. The service requests ~~being are~~ are directed to ~~the or each other station identified in the trust list and constituting a request to the or each other station to perform a task for the station; and an.~~ The station also includes an answer unit operable to receive service requests from the network ~~through the network connection and, in response thereto, to transmit to the network through the network connection an acceptance or refusal message in respect of~~ in response to the service request, ~~the~~. The acceptance or refusal ~~being is~~ is decided ~~having regard to~~ based on the current status of the station[[,]] as determined by the self assessment module.